



## Changes made to the *Retirement Declaration* form

The Municipal Employees' Pension Plan (MEPP) has recently changed the *Retirement Declaration* form, which now requires the employer to designate an authorized official to sign the form. *It is the employer's responsibility to assign the appropriate staff member(s) of their organization to be an authorized official to sign forms that are required by MEPP. We trust you will assign authorized officials accordingly; there is no requirement to communicate to us who you have assigned.*

The purpose of the *Retirement Declaration* form is to prevent an artificial retirement with MEPP by members who wish to access their retirement income while remaining employed with a MEPP employer. By signing the form, the authorized official is declaring that there has been no discussion or commitments to re-hire a retiring employee.

An employee is considered 'retired' when they are collecting a MEPP pension and cannot contribute to the plan. Employing a retired employee eliminates a new employee from being hired and contributing to the Plan. Hiring new employees keeps the contributions stable and helps the Plan remain sustainable now and in the future.

Please ensure you are using the updated *Retirement Declaration* form found on the MEPP website under *Member/Forms*. If you have any questions regarding employment after retirement, please contact [mepp@peba.gov.sk.ca](mailto:mepp@peba.gov.sk.ca).